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E. O. 11652: NA

TAGS: MASS, BE

SUB: SALE OF RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO MAP MATERIAL

REF: STATE 39699

1. INFORMAL MAAG PROBES WITH BELGIAN MILITARY REVEAL NO DISSATISFACTION WITH PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH MAP MATERIEL, ALTHOUGH WORKING LEVEL AT GENERAL STAFF EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN IDEA ADVANCED REFTTEL.

2. THE ORIGINAL VALUE OF MAP MATERIEL STILL IN COUNTRY IS SOMETHING MORE THAN 250 MILLION DOLLARS. EVEN IF RESIDUAL RIGHTS WERE OFFERED TO THE BELGIANS AT A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF COST (E. G., 5-10 PERCENT), THE AMOUNT WOULD NOT BE EASILY FOUND IN A DEFENSE BUDGET ALREADY SQUEEZED.

3. THE BELGIANS DO NOT HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OR ACCESS TO WORLDWIDE MARKETS THAT WE DO AND MIGHT THEREFORE HAVE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY RIDDING THEMSELFS OF OLD EQUIPMENT WHEN NO LONGER DESIRED OR SERVICEABLE.

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4. WE DOUBT THAT BELGIANS WOULD TAKE UP OFFER TO BUY
RESIDUAL RIGHTS DESPITE ADVANTAGES MENTIONED IN REFTEL.
IF DEPARTMENT DESIRES, HOWEVER, WE WILL ELICIT FURTHER
INFORMAL REACTIONS FROM THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
DEFENSE AND FINANCE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER A FORMAL
PROPOSAL WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE.
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